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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement made on 11 March 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, strongly denouncing the most barbarous acts of massacre committed by Democratic Kampuchea forces against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, and request you to kindly circulate the statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) TRINH XUAN LANG
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 11 March 1993 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

According to the latest news, on 10 March 1993 a force of the "Democratic Kampuchea" attacked the fishing village of Chong Kneas, 10 kilometres south of Siem Riep of Cambodia, killing 33 Vietnamese of whom 8 were children, and wounding 29 others of whom 26 were Vietnamese and 3 Cambodians. On the morning of 11 March, a spokesman for the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) confirmed the above-mentioned incident.

Following a series of barbarous acts of terrorism against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia in recent times, this is the largest massacre of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia conducted by the "Democratic Kampuchea" faction since the signing of the Paris Agreements on a Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia conflict. This massacre is a new and extremely blatant challenge to mankind's conscience, crudely encroaching upon international documents on human rights, and inciting national hatred between Cambodia and Viet Nam. This is also a blatant violation of the Paris Agreements on Cambodia and its appendices.

The savage massacre of Vietnamese residents by the "Democratic Kampuchea" in Siem Riep on 10 March is a very dangerous escalations step in a series of their acts of undermining the peace process and stability in Cambodia. If resolute measures are not taken there will be a danger of recurrence of massacre in Cambodia, the consequences of which are unforeseeable.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemns the new, bloody act of the "Democratic Kampuchea", and demands that it put an immediate end to such acts. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam earnestly urges the justice-loving public opinion the world over to resolutely condemn this savage act and to raise their voice to protect the human rights of the Vietnamese residents in Cambodia.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam demands that the United Nations, the co-chairmen of and the parties to the Paris Agreements on Cambodia, the Supreme National Council and particularly the UNTAC in their power and functions as stipulated by the Paris Agreements take urgent measures to immediately stop the savage massacre of Vietnamese residents and defend their peaceful life in accordance with the spirit of the Paris Agreements as well as international documents on human rights, including the right to personal safety stated in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the right of minority communities.